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Editor's Note

Welcome back from the summer holiday break to the September edition of the *Gazette*. As I write this ULEZ is about to come to the outer London boroughs, the England ladies football team just missed out on the World Cup and our summer weather is still a little hit and miss. However, I hope that you all get a boost by reading the *Gazette*!

In this month's *Gazette* we learn from Ian Leggatt, about the houses built on the former Selsdon Park Farm Estate (Kingsway Avenue, Greville Avenue, Abbey Road, York Road and parts of Ashen Vale) and from Janet Sharp, we are warned about losing some of our uncharted ancient pathways if we do not act to report them. The Sanderstead Plantation Partners remind us about this little gem found on the Selsdon/Sanderstead border and have supplied this month's cover photo showing the visit of a deer.

We have our regular contributors to the *Gazette* with Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid giving us an enormous list of jobs for our flowers, fruit & vegetables and general garden maintenance. The Rugby Union Men's World Cup starts this month so I have included a quiz to test your knowledge about this subject. Both Mary Gill in Poetry Corner and Ted Forsyth in his Nature Notes look at the plusses and minuses of the use of Artificial Intelligence. I was so glad to receive some 'letters to the editor' this month about a staycation, an odd find in the garden, and confusion about the new constituencies for Croydon. I also received a letter from the Selsdon Centre for the Retired concerned about its future.

Please remember that I would love to hear about what you, young or old, have been up to in the summer holidays. This magazine will only work with contributions from its readers; this can be in the form of a report, photo, letter, complaint, compliment or poem. My email address is selsdongazettesra@gmail.com

I hope that you enjoy your read and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Jones

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SRA NEWS 'n' VIEWS

The garden enjoyed the wet July but summer finally arrived in August and we were all able to enjoy some dry weather. Hoping it will last until Sunday 3rd September afternoon when I hope you will be joining the Friends of Selsdon Wood and the SRA for their annual fair and picnic.

Selsdon Centre for the Retired

You will see a letter in this gazette from the Chair of Selsdon Centre with sad news that it is possible they may have to close next March due to lack of finances. Be assured we will be working with them to help resolve this and keep this much needed and valued resource for Selsdon.

Birch (Selsdon) News

It is all change at Birch. The pool has now relined and filled (see photo). Also, there have been some arrivals of early wildlife sooner than expected.



Street Champions – litter picking

Residents, businesses or organisations can volunteer and register with champions@croydon.gov.uk to become part of the Street Champions network working alongside Croydon Council. You will receive equipment which includes litter pickers, gloves and bags for rubbish which can be collected from you when full. I do know lots of you already do this on your own, which is great, but this is an excellent scheme and makes it easier to do as it can be done at a time of your choosing. Please think hard about helping Selsdon be a cleaner place.

Wanted!!

Our Gazette team is in need of a new Advertising Manager. The role

involves accepting new adverts, working with the Editor and Treasurer and seeking new advertisers. Advertisers are vital to the gazette to help pay for the printing costs.

Please contact me or Carlo, the retiring Advertiser Manager, whose email is on the inside page.

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Quick reminder, in case you haven't seen notices in the shop on the Parade, it will be closing and moving over the road to the corner pharmacy.

**Sheila Childs,
Chair**

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# **COUNCILLORS' NOTES**

## **SELSDON CENTRE FOR THE RETIRED - UPDATE**

*(Please refer to the letter from the Selsdon Centre for the Retired after the Police report)*

It has been widely publicised that the Selsdon Centre for the Retired is facing an uncertain future and is currently in some financial difficulties. It has been a difficult time for some charities as the funding landscape has changed significantly since COVID 19.

Some charities have been able to adapt to the new environment more easily than others. It was a great pleasure for Robert and Andy to join with St. Francis Church earlier in the summer as they celebrated receiving nearly a £1/4 Million from the National Lottery so that they can continue to provide vital services to the local community. It was also great for Andy and Joseph to join in the celebrations marking Selsdon Contacts 50th anniversary recently. By working with health partners and keeping a wide funding base, Selsdon Contact has been able to navigate the changing financial environment and although challenging has a stable financial future.

As your local Councillors we appreciate the important services that the Selsdon Centre for the Retired provides to the local community. We will do everything we can to help them adapt to the new funding environment, working in partnership with others, to help them continue to run these services into the future.

## **BIRCH HOTEL SELDON CONTINUES TO DEVELOP WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW LIDO SWIMMING POOL**

It is exciting times for Selsdon as the new Birch Hotel continues to develop its grounds and services. The new Art-Deco Lido is a great facility that brings a heated outdoor all year-round public swimming facility to residents in Selsdon. The new hotel is also bringing positive publicity to the Selsdon area, with great reviews from The Times, The Observer, The Financial Times and the London Evening Standard.

There are various membership packages that local residents can take advantage of which allows access to the swimming pool, health and



fitness facilities, co-working space, restaurants and meeting rooms. For more information, please visit <https://www.birchcommunity.com/selsdon>

## **THIS IS CROYDON – LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE CONTINUES**

The Borough of Culture is a series of over 50 events that are taking place between April '23 and March '24 that are all accessible to residents across Croydon. Some of the current highlights include 'Croydon Stands Tall' a public art exhibition of giraffe sculptures that have been painted and placed around Croydon. Local schools have also joined the project by designing mini giraffes to join the exhibition.

The Croydon Music trail celebrates the rich music history of Croydon with artwork in Croydon and pavement plaques outside famous venues across the Borough, by downloading an app you can follow the trail and find out more about Croydon's rich music heritage. To get the latest information on 'This is Croydon' please visit <https://culturecroydon.com/>

## **CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS**

Councillor surgeries are held on the first Saturday of the month 10am - 11.15am (no surgery in August/January. Surgeries are at The Selsdon Centre (next to Sainsbury's), 132 Addington Rd, South Croydon CR2 8LA.

We are happy to 'meet' residents online so if you have any issues you wish to discuss with your councillor please get in touch by email:

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23/02977/HSE - 10 Benhurst Close South Croydon CR2 8NX  
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23/02762/HSE - 22A Sylvan Close South Croydon CR2 8DS  
Erection of side and rear extension and new entrance porch following demolition of existing glazed side extension

(Remember that you can use this website to view planning applications <http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/sra/anupdate/planning.html>.)

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## **Road Works at top end of Farley Road, Selsdon**

Ian Leggatt, the Chair of the SRA Planning sub-committee, has been concerned about the quality of the carriageway reconstruction works to the upper end of Farley Road, Selsdon, east of the Queenhill Road Junction to the traffic lights in Selsdon carried out by Conway. Under the Freedom of Information Act, he asked the Council the following questions and received these replies.

1. What are the start and finish dates of the Defects Liability Period for the works?

Answer: Start date 31/3/2023 and finish date 30/3/2024 (1 year rectification period)

2. What are the details of any and all defects **arising from the works including location, type and dates of notification and rectification.**

Answer: Still being investigated and there are plans to excavate to determine the root cause of the defects which are believed to be defective underground utility services.

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# MP Chris Philp's Report

## Member of Parliament for Croydon South



### Exciting Plans for Brighton Road

It is important that our shopping districts and high streets are places people want to visit, work and live. Sadly, many of these need regenerating. That's why I wanted to write to let you know about the new plans on Brighton Road, Purley, just north of the town centre on the derelict former Milk & More site.

If approved, these new plans will deliver an M&S Foodhall offering local customers the best of M&S produce. The plans would also deliver an Enterprise Hub at the rear consisting of affordable studio spaces to help local creative businesses innovate and grow, along with 70 car parking spaces – all on the currently vacant site.

After years of bad news in Croydon, it is good that progress is at last being made in our Borough, with organisations like M&S now choosing to invest here.



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More information about the plans and computer-generated mock ups of what the completed site would look like can be found on the project website [www.brightonroad.co.uk](http://www.brightonroad.co.uk). You can also find an online consultation on the website. Please do also let me know your thoughts if you would like to.

With the plans for a new Purley Pool and regeneration of that site recently published; family homes no longer being destroyed and replaced with blocks of flats; Westfield buying the whole Whitgift site in Croydon town centre and promising to move it forwards (on a phased basis, over time) and now this news about the Milk & More site – it feels like a corner has at last been turned in our neighbourhood. It will take time, but at least we seem to be heading in a better direction now.

### **Making Parking Easier Across Our Area**

It is all well and good regenerating our shopping districts and high streets but, of course, residents must be able to get there. That's why I am glad that Croydon Council will shortly be consulting local businesses and the public on potential actions that could be taken to make parking across the borough fairer and more accessible.

I understand that some of the ideas being looked at include a review of the current free short stay parking arrangements, making parking more accessible to those with disabilities, cracking down on illegally parked vehicles and blue badge fraud, and simplifying parking charges. I am sure you will agree that these proposals are vital – to support local businesses and make it easier for people to visit shops and other facilities.

### ***Chris Philp***

Member of Parliament, Croydon South: 020 7219 8026

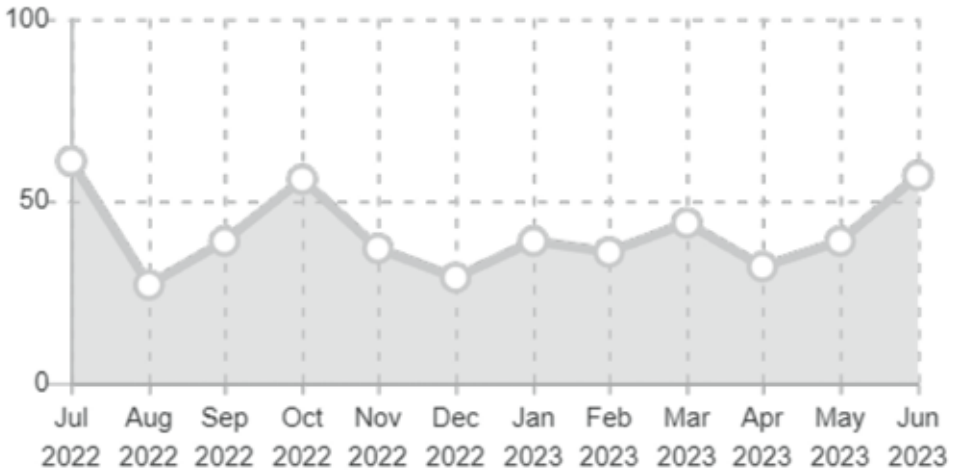
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## Statistics from Local Police Wards June 2023

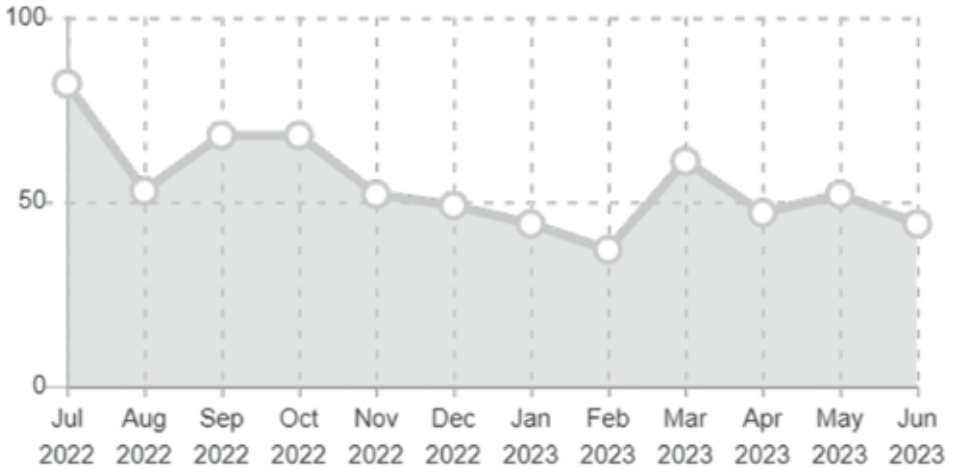
Here are the number of the top crimes reported during June 2023 for our local police wards.

| Crime                                               | Selsdon and Addington Village | Selsdon Vale and Forestdale |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Violence and sexual offences                        | 22                            | 10                          |
| Anti-social behaviour                               | 12                            | 9                           |
| Burglary                                            | 3                             |                             |
| Vehicle crime                                       |                               | 5                           |
| Other theft                                         | 8                             | 11                          |
| <b>Total number of crimes reported in June 2023</b> | <b>57</b>                     | <b>44</b>                   |

Crimes Reported per month for the Selsdon and Addington Village Police ward July 2022-June 2023



Crimes Reported per month for the Selsdon Vale and Forestdale Police ward July 2022-June 2023



*Here PCSO Tina Nash, from the Selsdon & Addington Village Neighbourhood Team, warns us about two car crimes in our area.*

We are still seeing residents that are not locking their cars at night. We are aware that there are 2, possibly 3, males that are walking around the streets in the early hours of the morning trying car door handles to see if you have left your car open. Please stop making it easy for them. Do not leave anything on show; small change, designer sunglasses, coats & sportswear are all items that have been reported stolen to us due to cars being left open. LOCK your car.

### **Keyless Entry Vehicle Theft**

Our vehicles are desirable to those who wish to steal them with no consideration to the turmoil that they leave behind. Your car key omits a signal unless it is in something metal it will carry on omitting that signal. To ensure that the signal is broken keep your keys in a Faraday bag, a cake tin or a safe. In the last month we have had 3 vehicles stolen due to keyless car theft.

Please do not hesitate to contact your local police team if required:

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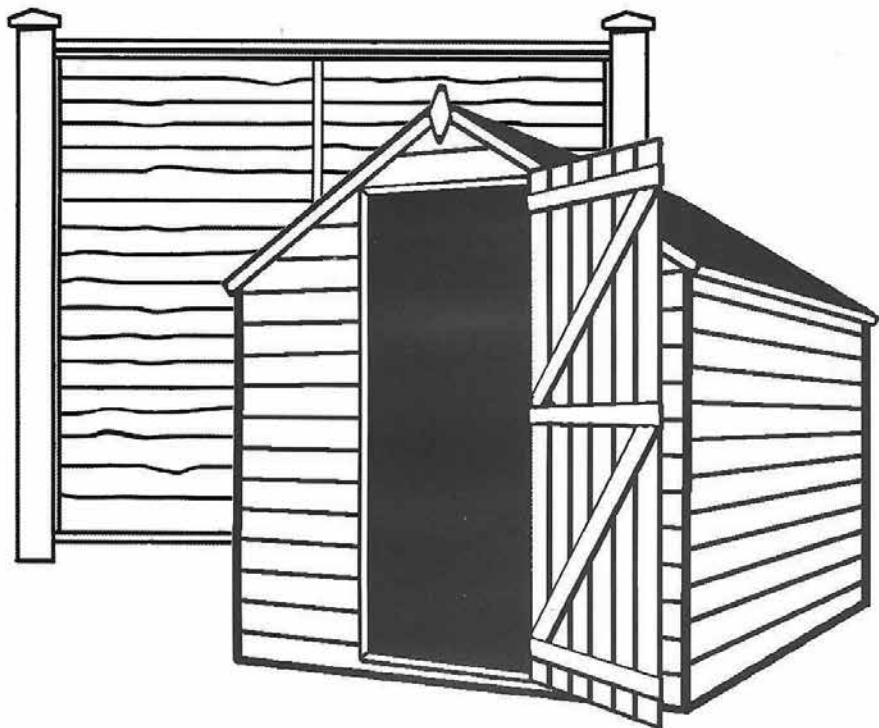
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## **Selsdon Centre for the Retired**

*I received this disturbing email from a Trustee of the Selsdon Centre for the Retired.*

This letter has just been given to the volunteers and clients of the Selsdon Centre. We must join together to avoid the proposed closure, as this much-loved resource, which has been supporting the community for over 40 years, must be allowed to continue supporting this under-funded and often neglected sector. If the Selsdon Centre closes, there will be many of our local, vulnerable and elderly left alone and isolated, in danger of going for days without seeing or speaking to anyone! Come on Selsdon! We can't allow this to happen. No-one deserves this! It is OUR resource and, with a little luck, we'll be old enough to consider using it. Keep looking for new updates on the FB page, check the [selsdoncentre.org.uk](https://www.selsdoncentre.org.uk) website and notice board at the Centre for news. We are making plans to raise funds and start a petition against closure. We are gathering numbers to attend to question the local Councillors at their Surgery being held at the Selsdon Centre on Sat 2nd Sep between 10-12 to make them realise what a grave mistake they've made. Watch this space - this is the start! The battle to save the Centre begins!

*Selsdon Centre for the Retired  
Selsdon Community Centre  
August 2023*

### ***Potential Closure of Selsdon Centre***

*I write on behalf of the Trustee Board of the Selsdon Centre for the Retired with some sad and disappointing news, which I am aware may have already reached you.*

*That is, without a significant cash injection over the next few months, the Centre will have to close its doors and we will have to institute the voluntary liquidation of the Charity in the Spring of next year.*

*The current situation has arisen largely because the London Borough of Croydon has withdrawn its financial support for the Centre over the last few years, to the point where, in the current year, it does not offer any assistance.*

*In earlier years, we received a general grant towards the day to day running expenses and financial assistance with the non-domestic rates on the premises. In addition, we paid only a small rent. As of today, the general grant has been removed in its entirety, along with support for non-domestic rates. As a final set back, we have been informed that the rent to the Council will be increased by a significant sum as from April 2023.*

*The effect of all these changes is that we have estimated a large current loss for this year, which will have to be funded from our reserves and which is unsustainable beyond the current year ending 31 March 2024.*

*I am writing to the local authority, London Borough of Croydon, the local MP for the area and other agencies, in the hope that they will reconsider the policies and support this wonderful centre of ours, to allow it to continue.*

*Please lobby your local Councillors and elected MP to see whether something can be done! In the meantime, please be assured we are working hard to avoid this potential situation becoming a reality.*

*If you wish to ask any questions, please contact our Acting Treasurer, Alan Brookes, on this email [ajay.brookes@gmail.com](mailto:ajay.brookes@gmail.com)*

*Yours Sincerely  
Nick Bonneywell  
Chairman*

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## **A Good Time for Gardening – September**

### **Flowers**

- Plant wallflowers, pansies, forget-me-nots and other spring bedding in pots and borders
- Collect ripe seeds from your favourite flowers and store in labelled envelopes, ready to sow in spring
- Plant up containers for autumn interest and colour, using cyclamen, heathers, heucheras and other colourful bedding plants
- Bring any houseplants that you moved outside over summer back indoors, before temperatures start to drop
- Fill any gaps with late-flowering perennials, such as sedums, to

provide nectar for pollinating insects into autumn

- Plant spring bulbs, including crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths, bluebells and snake's-head fritillaries in pots and borders
- Take cuttings from fuchsias, salvias and pelargoniums
- Keep summer bedding flowering in hanging baskets and pots until the first frosts by deadheading and feeding regularly
- Trim conifer hedges to neaten them up and control height
- Leave sunflower seedheads in place for birds to feed on



## **Fruit and veg**

- Prune out all the fruited canes of summer raspberries, cutting down to the base, and tie in new canes to supports
- Pot up herbs, such as chives and parsley, and place on a sunny windowsill to use during winter
- Start sowing hardy varieties of broad beans and peas for early crops next year
- Plant onion and shallot sets in a sunny spot, 10cm apart, with the tip just showing above the soil
- Cut away any leaves covering the fruits of pumpkins, squash and marrows to help the skins ripen in the sun
- Pick apples and pears before the wind blows them down, and store undamaged fruits if you can't eat them fresh
- Store chillies by threading the stalks onto strong cotton or wire and hanging up to dry somewhere warm and dry
- Cut off trusses of unripe outdoor tomatoes before the weather turns cold, then ripen them indoors
- Lift maincrop potatoes, dry off and store in hessian or paper sacks, in a cool, dark, well-ventilated place



## **Garden maintenance**

- Rake thatch from lawns, aerate well-trodden areas by spiking with a garden fork, and re-seed bare patches
- Put netting across ponds to stop autumn leaves falling in and rotting
- Clean out water butts and check downpipe fittings in preparation for autumn rains
- Remove duckweed, pondweed and algae from water features and ponds
- Check that tree ties and plant supports are firmly in place, ahead of any autumn gales

- Wash and disinfect bird feeders and tables to maintain hygiene
- Check roses for signs of fungal diseases, such as blackspot, and pick off and bin all affected leaves

### ***Frederick, Cedric and Sunflower Sid***

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## **Selsdon Park Farm Estate – More Housing**

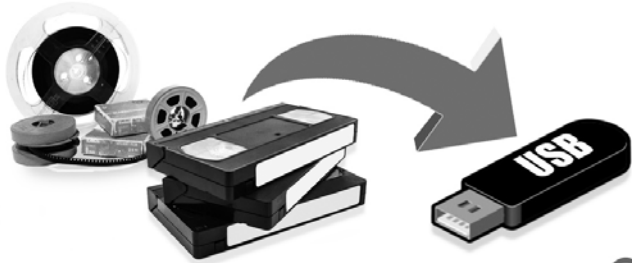
Worry not, dear Reader, this is not a tale of proposed rampant redevelopment of the Selsdon Park Hotel grounds but a historical look at a new build development of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The Selsdon Park Estate, comprising most of the Selsdon as we know it today plus more land now hived off to other localities was, until 1923, owned by one Wickham Noakes. Wickham was the owner of Noakes and Co, a Bermondsey based brewer which was eventually taken over by Courage in 1930. Wickham was living in Leatherhead and at the age of 60 fancied himself as a country Squire and purchased Selsdon Park for some £63,000. The estate covered some 700 acres and consisted of the mansion house and home farm, various cottages and lodges, ‘pleasure gardens and grounds’, farmlands and woodlands, pheasantry and kennels, Elm Farm in Farleigh, and Selsdon Park Farm.

Selsdon Park Farm had been built around 1809 as a ‘model’ farm. When Noakes died in September 1923 his estate was put up for sale. His 4 sons had predeceased him and his will provided £120,000 for his surviving family plus legacies to friends and workers at the estate and the breweries. Selsdon Park Estate was mortgaged and the executors were quick to commence its sale. Furniture and other contents of the mansion were auctioned in November and the estate in December. The estate of 700 acres was available as a single entity or split into Lots. Percy Harvey Estates of London specialised in land acquisition around London, post WW1, and purchased the mansion and grounds comprising 229 acres (Lot 1) plus Lot 2 (Selsdon Park Farm, farmland, and cottages) of 234 acres. It is assumed that they intended to further split up the two lots into building plots for people to build their own houses on. An Arthur Cresswell eventually bought the Selsdon Park Farm Estate for £10,000, which

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included woodlands. Mr Cresswell appears to have either been an avid farmer or an entrepreneur building up a land bank to make lots of money from people wishing to build houses. He did farm at Selsdon Park Farm but also had land at Heathfield. In 1929 he lived at Coney Hall Farm, he bought Hamsey Green Farm and later resided at Chelsham Place Farm.

The land comprising Selsdon Park Farm was, on the 1800 map by Bainbridge, made up of fields named 'Further Winns Close'. 'Thirty Acres', 'Hither Clap Gate' and 'Further Clap Gate' and ran from what is now Old Farleigh Road to the Bridleway between Selsdon Vale and Forestdale and south of the Addington Road.



Extract from OS Map of 1938 showing Selsdon Park Farm, centre left, and the new Selsdon Park Farm Estate of Kingsway, Langley, York and Abbey Roads + Sunbridge (Sundridge?)

In 1930 a Planning Application was made to build on Further Clap Gate farmland 12 pairs of houses and a new road to be called Kingsway Avenue off the Addington Road by a company called James and Woodworth. Brown and Blackford, estate agents in Croydon, were handling the sale of these and subsequent properties on a site of some 27 acres. The development was to eventually comprise Kingsway Avenue to Greville Avenue (then called Sundridge Road – Sunbridge on the OS Map)

Langley Road, York and Abbey Roads and Wyncote Way. James and Woodworth received planning approvals piecemeal with the last approvals in September 1931 for 16 houses in Langley Road and Wyncote Way. In 1932 the building industry was in recession. By May 1933 a new firm, Industrial Builders applied to build in Sundale and York Roads and the previously mentioned Abbey and Sundridge Roads. Another builder, G Burgess, gained approval to construct individual houses in York Road and Kingsway Avenue and in June 1933 houses for sale at the Selsdon Park Farm Estate were advertised in a magazine 'London and Suburbs'.

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In June 1934 Industrial Builders were still in the area and they received permission to erect 6 pairs of semis in Sundridge Road, adjacent to the Recreation Ground. Tavistock Estates were, at the time, advertising the 'Sundale Estate' as a 'happy little community of architect-built luxury houses in an unspoilt beauty spot'. These properties were priced from £695 freehold and a 'closed car labelled "Sundale" leaves East Croydon Station daily by arrangement'.

By 1935 75% of the houses in Abbey Road had been completed. Tavistock

Estates, in August 1935 placed an ad in the Croydon Advertiser: *“The amenities of Town in the heart of beautiful permanent country – that’s SUNDAL, Selsdon. In this charming district various type of modern homes are being erected (from £695 to £975 freehold) – homes that harmonise with the surroundings so that Sundale can never become ‘another London suburb’.* £5 deposit secured your house and repayments started at less than £1 per week.

The common practice at the time was that new roads were not ‘made up’ before the houses were constructed. This took place later and the work carried out by the Council with householders being apportioned the cost on the basis of the length of their frontage. All the roads on the Selsdon Park Farm Estate were asphalted by the end of 1937 (one intransigent objector on Sundridge Road delaying that completion) and the Urban District Council took over the responsibility for the roads.



Property prices have risen over the last 80 odd years: a quick Zoopla check on current house prices reveals that property on the Selsdon Park Farm Estate does not change hands regularly. The site records York Road properties selling at £450k for a 3-bed bungalow in June ‘21 and £675k for a 4-bed semi in October ‘22. Greville Avenue (Sundridge Road) records sales of £549k for a 3-bed semi in November ‘22 and £762k for a 4-bed

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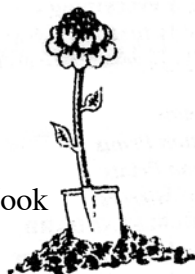
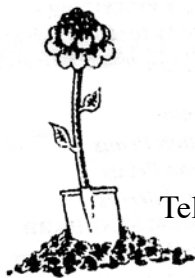
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semi in August '22. Sundale achieved £539k for a 3-bed semi in January '22.

***Ian Leggatt.***

*Thanks again to the journals of Ted Frith for much of the storyline. Whilst Costains have figured predominantly in any article on housing development in Selsdon, and rightly so, it is important to recognise the importance of the smaller house builder to the Selsdon scene and to appreciate the rapid development of our Selsdon some 90 years ago. The article was spurred by the chance find of the Burgess sales flyer on a Facebook site. Any inaccuracies are mine.*

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**Sanderstead Plantation    -----    Grid Ref    TQ344619**

Sanderstead Plantation is an area of some 20 acres (8.6 hectares), accessed from the Addington Road or Church Way, and was recently designated as Metropolitan Open Land under The Croydon Plan, which is very similar to Green Belt land and therefore has a certain level of protection. There is a variety of flora, the makeup of which indicates the Plantation is not of recent origin although not classified as ancient woodland.

The Plantation is considered of some importance, as the continuous canopy, of which there is very little in Croydon, forms part of Croydon's green corridor, linking Kingswood to Littleheath and of course now ties in with the rewilding of Birch (Selsdon Park Hotel) apart from being a valuable green lung. Situated on a north facing escarpment of the North Downs it affords a panoramic view of the Thames Valley and it is said that on a very clear day the Chilterns are visible. It is also the second highest point in all of Greater London, being beaten by Westerham Heights in the L.B. of Bromley.

The woodland has been managed by a volunteer friends' group called 'Sanderstead Plantation Partners' which was formally constituted in 1999. A management brief was followed in the early days which has now brought the woods back to a valuable resource improving bio-diversity and amenity value for the benefit of the wider community.



Providing a new bench for the Plantation

The group, although not a charity, does rely on charitable grants to maintain personal protection clothing, tools and petrol for our strimmers etc. which allow the pathways to be accessible, as they very quickly become overgrown. The group has, over a period of time, planted over 2,600 whips (one year old trees) replacing any fallen trees, which have to be cleared first, and to fill gaps thus ensuring the re-generation and enjoyment of the woodland for years to come.

If you were unaware of the Plantation, we hope these few words might have aroused your curiosity and encourage you to see it for yourself. We have work parties most Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. to noon and we would be very pleased to see you.

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## **Pathways – new and old**

One of the upsides of 'Lockdown' was that many people suddenly began to WALK, (to or around places) reviving the senses by being 'in' the landscape. Whereas for our ancestors 'walking' was a necessity

now we can make it a pleasure and one that also increases our health and wellbeing. In Croydon we are blessed with public parks and woods but also well marked 'green' pathways. From Croydon: Following the 'Vanguard Way' we can walk all the way to the south coast (Newhaven). Following the 'Wandle River trail' we can walk all the way to central London. By accessing the 'London Loop' we can connect to many other towns. All of these trails can be used to link to other established keypaths around Britain e.g., the 'North Downs way' which links to Dover. (We have listed some other local walking trails on our SRA website. Free and easy to access).

## A potential loss

Whilst the walking paths named above are clearly marked and protected (and have websites and groups linked to them) there are many other local paths which developed through history that are becoming overgrown and lost. Post-Second World War laws demanded that parish councils draw up definitive maps of footpaths and bridleways. Some did so meticulously, but others less so, meaning some 'officially recorded' paths (and therefore protected) now stop abruptly at boundaries between parishes. Bringing back the 'unrecorded connections' between paths would extend the walking network considerably. In England the 'Right to Roam' is more restricted than elsewhere so current paths are quite precious.



A deadline is approaching. Uncharted ancient paths will be permanently lost and access restricted if they are not officially recorded on maps by **1 January 2026**. According to the 'Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000' protection can be given before that date, any public path can be reinstated to the map if there is evidence that it once existed. As we know that bureaucracy can be slow, the sooner evidence is submitted the better.

Some paths will not return, as they would disturb what have become natural habitats for wildlife, and public access will not return to some privatised land. But, although campaigners are calling for an extension, there will be no changes at all after the deadline.

A direct application can be made to councils to record paths on maps. There have been local champions who have evidenced the paths by sifting through old photographs, maps and records to prove that they were used by the public since "time immemorial", (a specific legal meaning in



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Britain of 6 July 1189 – the day Richard I acceded to the throne). However, it may be easier to join a larger campaign such as the 'Rambler's' - Don't lose your way' campaign. On their website you can find out more about 'rights of way'. So far, their volunteers have found over 49,000 miles of paths that were potentially lost. <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/support-us/dont-lose-your-way>

Another group called 'Slow Ways', is creating a network of walking routes connecting all of Britain's towns and cities, as well as thousands of villages. Its 700 volunteers from across the country produced 7,500 routes stretching over 110,000km.

Website <https://beta.slowways.org>

### **A potential gain**



There is a new national path in the making. The 'King Charles III England Coast Path' has been created under new legislation. Once completed it will follow the **entire coast of England!** It allows access to the coast including the cliff tops and the beaches. The King Charles III England Coast will be the longest coastal walking route in the world when it is complete. At the moment you can only walk some sections. In parts it follows existing public rights of way, or indeed pre-existing National Trails, but many sections are completely new and use a new right of access. Because of this it has different rules to public rights of way.

### **Be responsible**

The Countryside Code for visitors is your guide to visiting the countryside. It includes the rules you must follow when you're enjoying parks and waterways, coast and countryside. This can be accessed on the Government website and following this will help you stay safe, share and preserve the space.

*Janet Sharp*

## **Men's Rugby Union World Cup 2023 Quiz**



The men's rugby union world cup starts on 8 September and finishes on 28 October. How much do you know about this sport? Try this 15-mark quiz. Why 15? There are 15 players in a rugby team.

1. Who is the current holder of the Rugby World Cup?
2. Where will the 2023 Rugby World Cup be held?
3. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the winners of the men's Rugby Union World Cup?
4. In what year did the first Rugby Union World Cup take place?
5. Since 1995, how many teams compete in each tournament?
6. How many venues are being used for the Rugby World Cup?
7. Which team is top of the world's ranking for this competition?
8. What is the nickname for the Japanese rugby team?
9. England last won the World Cup in 2003. What was the final score between Australia and England in this Rugby World Cup final?
10. Who were the women's rugby union champions 2021 (played in 2022)?
11. Who is the only English player to have won the Rugby World Cup, the Six Nations and the Premiership Rugby title in the same year?
- 12-15. Name the Head Coaches for the a) England team, b) Scotland team, c) Wales team and d) Ireland team. One mark for each correct answer.



## Answers after Nature Notes

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We welcome your letters so do **please get in touch** if you have something to share with Selsdon residents.

Please remember to state your name, address, contact number and publication anonymity requirements in **all** correspondence to the Editor. Anonymity can be granted on request, but anonymously sent letters/e-mails will not be published.

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I received this letter about an interesting find in the garden for one resident.

Dear Editor,

On watering my pots of flowers on the patio, I came across what I thought to be a large white stone. To my amazement, I found it to be a whole raw

hen's egg. How it got there, nobody knows but I will say the next day it had disappeared. It was a bit of a mystery as to what animal had put it into the pot without breaking it.

*Name and address supplied*

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Dear Selsdon Residents' Association,

One resident contacted the SRA by phone. He had received a flyer from Sarah Jones, currently Labour MP for Croydon Central, saying that the Selsdon area is going to come under the new constituency, Croydon East, not Croydon South in future elections.

Being a Selsdon resident for 50 years to suddenly be told this, had ruined his weekend.

He has since learnt that there had been a consultation period, which he felt the SRA should have known about & publicised.

*Since this enquiry I have contacted this resident and told him that the Selsdon Gazette did cover the consultation process in the December 2022 edition. The Consultation ran from 8 November until 5 December 2022. If anyone missed this change, I can confirm that the Selsdon & Addington Village ward and the Selsdon Vale & Forestdale ward are now in the new Croydon East constituency. Here is the make-up of the new constituency:*

**Croydon East (75 346)**

| <b>WARD</b>                                                            | <b>Local Authorities</b> | <b>Electorate</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Addiscombe East                                                        | Croydon                  | 8 190             |
| Addiscombe West                                                        | Croydon                  | 9 351             |
| New Addington North                                                    | Croydon                  | 6 870             |
| New Addington South                                                    | Croydon                  | 7 663             |
| Selsdon & Addington Village                                            | Croydon                  | 7 794             |
| Selsdon Vale & Forestdale                                              | Croydon                  | 7 134             |
| Shirley North                                                          | Croydon                  | 11 248            |
| Shirley South                                                          | Croydon                  | 7 994             |
| Woodside – part of (polling districts WDS2, WDS3, WDS4, WDS5 and WDS6) | Croydon                  | 9 102             |

For those interested the other constituencies involving Croydon wards here they are:  
**Croydon South (71 541)**

| <b>WARD</b>               | <b>Local Authorities</b> | <b>Electorate</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Coulsdon Town             | Croydon                  | 10 429            |
| Kenley                    | Croydon                  | 7 766             |
| Old Coulsdon              | Croydon                  | 7 444             |
| Park Hill& Whitgift       | Croydon                  | 3 957             |
| Purley & Woodcote         | Croydon                  | 11 816            |
| Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown | Croydon                  | 7 541             |
| Sabderstead               | Croydon                  | 11 704            |
| South Croydon             | Croydon                  | 10 884            |

**Croydon West and South Norwood (70 812)**

| <b>WARD</b>                                 | <b>Local Authorities</b> | <b>Electorate</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Bensham Manor                               | Croydon                  | 10 058            |
| Broad Green                                 | Croydon                  | 11 420            |
| Fairfield                                   | Croydon                  | 7 630             |
| Selhurst                                    | Croydon                  | 7 210             |
| South Norwood                               | Croydon                  | 10 224            |
| Waddon                                      | Croydon                  | 11 251            |
| West Thornton                               | Croydon                  | 10 938            |
| Woodside – part of (polling district WDS 1) | Croydon                  | 2 081             |

**Streatham and Norbury (76 050)**

| <b>WARD</b>                    | <b>Local Authorities</b> | <b>Electorate</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood | Croydon                  | 10 964            |
| Norbury & Pollards Hill        | Croydon                  | 7 556             |
| Norbury Park                   | Croydon                  | 7 260             |
| Thornton Heath                 | Croydon                  | 10 806            |
| St Leonard's                   | Lambeth                  | 9 880             |
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Dear Editor,

Wanting to provide a bee friendly garden we planted the right plants, put up a bee box and, yes, they came. They took up residence in the box until our regular visiting Greater Spotted Woodpecker decided we had put his personal 'fast food' box up!!! Oh well we did try!

And just to say had a grey card from Royal Mail saying that I needed to collect an item and pay at their depot or online. So being ever cautious, I went to Factory Lane paid £2.50 to find it was a letter from someone at the New Addington Congregation Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Orpington who had fallen foul of the counterfeit stamps fraud when posting a letter about their beliefs to me. If I'd known I would have left it there.

*Name and address supplied*

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In the July Gazette I asked people to let me know about their summer holidays. Here our regular contributor, Jessica Blake, urges us to holiday in the North.

Normally when we drive northwards, we set out really early in the morning and take turns to drive.

Our favourite destination is Grasmere in the Lake District, and we have stayed for many years at the same hotel. The hotel isn't very big but it is luxurious. People who stay, like to walk or climb during the day, then return to a hot shower or bath, a drink in the bar and a special dinner. It is good to talk to other guests and find out new places to visit.

However, this year we drove in smaller time bursts and called into Lancaster. We stayed in a hotel near a river, and when we decided to walk beside it, we found a sign post to an aqueduct (the Lancaster Canal aqueduct). We followed the lane and found a very popular dog walk, and discovered a boarded history about the building of the aqueduct, nearly 250 years ago. It took five years to build.

Eagerly we ascended the special shallow steps and found we had climbed upstairs to see a canal over the river. That is what it basically is. A fantastic feat of engineering. Great stone arches support the aqueduct and you can stroll along beside the canal. When you look over the balustrade or down through the undergrowth, there is the river flowing along below. There were no boats on the canal that day, but there were

several on the river below. The aqueduct was built to carry goods from dockside to towns and the Scottish border not far from Carlisle. We were impressed by the building of this aqueduct. Fancy finding a way to raise a canal over a big river.

Later we visited the Ribbleshead Viaduct in Yorkshire. This incredible structure was built in Victorian times and was built to take the trains through the Yorkshire Dales from Carlisle to Settle. The views from the train windows are simply wonderful. However, this stunning feat of architecture cost many lives to build, and many of the poor men's bodies were placed in unmarked graves.



We took a return trip from Dent to Settle and really enjoyed it. Dent has hardly anything there but is beautiful, however Settle is a charming little town and there was a challenge going on. They were all making statues and flowers etc., out of pots. Now I have seen scarecrow competitions but never pots. It was funny too. I liked the pots with painted faces and curlers in their hair, decorating the grand columns on the men's club.

The apatosaurus, with the very long neck - essentially a dinosaur looking over the station fence, and a large spider catching a fly on a rope on a shop wall.

It was quite a chilly day and if it was that cold in the height of summer, how must it have felt in the olden days in winter? The men who built the railway were called Navies, which is the shortened version of Navigators. The Navvies earned a bad name because they fought one another so much!

There wasn't the opportunity to visit Malham Tarn or the Limestone Pavement. I visited that as a child but found myself wishing I could show our grandchildren that fascinating place, sometime. Nor was there an opportunity to show them Mother Shipton's Cave near York. If the bottom of your kettle looks furred up, then at Mother Shipton's Cave, people leave all types of bags, toys, tools hanging up, and when the water has splashed over them for a while - they turn to stone! I'd better descale my kettle quickly with white spirit vinegar!!

We live in such an amazing country. It is also very beautiful and interesting. I am glad we had the chance to go and visit.

*Jessica Blake*

## Poetry Corner

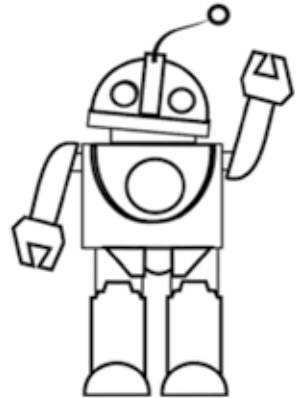
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merely fodder for carrion crows.

## Nature Notes from Ted Forsyth – Artificial Intelligence?

Let me begin with three personal anecdotes.

1. I arrived in London in 1960 and shortly afterwards I joined the London Natural History Society. Being interested in mammals, I got involved with the Ecology group and certainly found stoats, water voles and harvest mice but the main task at the monthly meetings on Bookham Common was a bird survey. I found myself on the survey route with one of the regulars but when confronted with a bird noise I did not recognise I suggested it might be a Blackbird alarm and was surprised when told it was the alarm of a Great Spotted Woodpecker. I obviously had more to learn about bird noises!
2. In 1970 I moved to Croydon and, having by then improved my knowledge of bird noises, got involved in surveys for the proposed BTO Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland. Some years later another surveyor had to drop out and I was asked to take over and through that I got involved with the Hutchinson's Bank volunteers. On any nature reserve which has grazing animals it is usual practice to remove Ragwort plants since they can be poisonous. My botanical knowledge at the time was limited, though I could identify full grown Ragworts, but with a colleague we set out to pick the plants when they were very small. My expert friend could identify them when only a few leaves were visible. "Is this a Ragwort?" "No, it is Salad Burnet!" "Is this....." I had a lot to learn about botany!
3. Friends of Selsdon Wood was formed in 2007 and we led a number of guided walks each year. One was for Fungi and when my favourite mycologist, Jane McLauchlin, was unable to continue leading the walk my arm was twisted and I found myself leading the next Fungus Walk. Even now, after several years, I still get twinges of imposter syndrome!



The common factor in these three tales is the need to acquire information, and experience, to enable an identification to be made.

Modern mobile phones are powerful computers, with attached cameras and microphones, and several application programs have been developed which are intended to aid in finding an ID. These programs have to be trained in some way so that they can store and retrieve information. For plants this may involve storing photographs of leaves and flowers and

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a photograph taken by the phone will give an ID. There does not seem anything too controversial about that, though there are some plants which involve a large number of micro-species, for example Bramble, which might cause some difficulty.



However, what about Fungi? For a common fungus a single photo might be enough to give an ID but identifying a fungus usually involves a combination of habitat (soil, living trees, rotting wood or other organic material), character (cap & stem mushroom, jelly fungi, bracket fungi, etc) and possibly smell and taste. A good program might prompt with suitable questions before offering an ID but it is not just as simple as looking at a photograph for many species.

If it is possible to get a suitable photograph of a bird with a mobile phone it might be possible to get an ID from a program but the usual function of a bird ID program, such as Merlin, is to use the microphone to pick up noises made by birds and suggest an ID, or more likely several names since all birds within range will be picked up at the same time, including some flying over. The vocal apparatus of a bird involves a syrinx which enables the production of two different notes simultaneously so that describing bird song is usually difficult. If it were possible to focus on the one unfamiliar bird song or call that you are trying to ID, without having to discard almost all the suggestions on offer, it would be an advantage. It is sometimes required to determine the presence or absence of a particular species like Tree Creeper or Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and it would be useful if the program could be set to give an alert if the species is detected. When carrying out a bird survey it can be necessary to estimate distance bands within which the bird has been heard and this information is lacking in bird ID programs. As the program will try to offer an ID for any sound picked



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up by the microphone it should be treated with caution. I have heard of a Blackbird being given an ID of Golden Oriole and do wonder if a distant road drill would suggest Great Spotted Woodpecker!

I would suggest that any ID program should be used as an indicator of where to look in a field guide for further confirmation, particularly for any subject which is new or unusual.

I have no doubt that these programs are useful but I would hope that their main function is, eventually, to improve the ability of the phone user to develop their own ID skills in whatever direction they take in studying nature.

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### **Answers to Men's Rugby Union World Cup 2023 Quiz**

1. South Africa.
2. It's being held in France
3. The Webb Ellis Cup (named after William Webb Ellis, who is often credited as being the inventor of rugby football).
4. 1987
5. 20
6. 9 (Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nice, Stade de France Paris, Saint Etienne, Toulouse, Nantes)
7. Ireland
8. They are officially known as the Cherry Blossoms, and most recently the Brave Blossoms after beating South Africa in the 2015 Rugby World Cup, the biggest upset ever.
9. The final score in the 2003 Rugby World Cup final was Australia 17-20 England.
10. New Zealand
11. Martin Johnson.
12. a) Steve Borthwick
13. b) Gregor Townsend
14. c) Warren Gatland
15. d) Andy Farrell



## The Sanderstead Local History Group

The SLHG would like to welcome you to our historical talks which are not limited to Sanderstead or local History. Our meetings and other details are listed on our web site 'Sanderstead Local History Group'.

This friendly group meet at 2pm in the Small Hall at All Saints Church Halls, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead, on the last Wednesday of each month. Free car parking- near bus routes. Come to those talks which interest you for a small charge to £2 per visit to cover the cost of hiring the hall and providing tea/coffee and biscuits.

The presentations, mostly by members, are on a subject of their choice. You are never required to give a talk although we are always looking for new topics and are ready with advice for any potential speaker

The programme for the remainder of 2023.

- 27<sup>th</sup> September: Dee and Val Palmer - A history of spinning and weaving
- 25<sup>th</sup> October: Janet Hartley- Russian Revolutionaries in London
- 29<sup>th</sup> November: Informal members' meeting.
- No meeting in December.

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## Superloop Buses



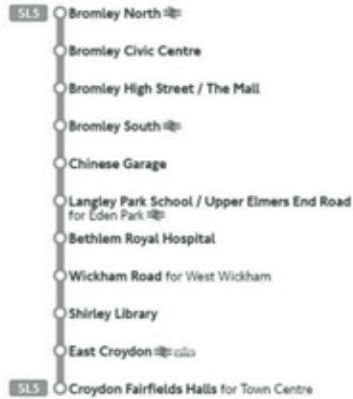
Superloop is a proposed network of 10 express bus routes. This would improve connections and journey times between key outer London town centres and transport hubs. One new route in our area is the SL5. Route SL5 - Bromley to Croydon. Transport for London are consulting until 4 September 2023 on the following proposed route:

The SL5 would run with:

Buses every 12 minutes Monday to Saturday and

Buses every 15 on evenings and Sundays

## Proposed route SL5 Daily (limited stops)



Two existing routes being rebranded as superloop routes in our area are SL6 and SL7.

Route SL6 - Russell Square to West Croydon (peak services only). From 29 July 2023, route X68 becomes route SL6 and runs an express bus service between West Croydon and Russell Square. This is Monday to Friday, in the morning and afternoon peak times only.

Route SL7 - Croydon to Heathrow Airport Route X26, which runs between Croydon and Heathrow, becomes route SL7 from 19 August summer 2023.



A busy time again for our Club, so many events on the calendar. First up is the Hobby Fair at St John's Community Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, a chance to promote your charity, business or organisation and many gain a few new members.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September the Selsdon Woods event where we run the children's races, always a fun day out, so come along & enjoy.



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will take a number of guests for a day out at Denbies vineyard in Dorking, enjoying a train journey around the wine estate followed by a cream tea – ooh lovely.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September is the Rotary Sanderstead Community Day on the recreation ground in Sanderstead. As ever many stalls, entertainment, food, a rather lovely afternoon for all. Don't miss out, come along & have a good time.

Craft Fair – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at All Saints Church Hall in Sanderstead – we will be delighted to present the usual range of stalls, food, & gifts for Christmas.

Come & see us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rotarycroydonsouth/>

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If you would like to join us for our events, please ring our Secretary on 07774 186 792.

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## **Selsdon Contact Neighbourhood Care Celebrating 50 Years serving the local community**

Our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration was a resounding success. The events, which took place over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023, were a perfect blend of nostalgia and joy, leaving everyone delighted. To begin with, there was an amazing atmosphere at the Summer Concert on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, held in the church hall, at St John the Divine. We were entertained by the Norwood Wind Ensemble and the superb Songsations Choir. This was followed by an array of extravagant raffle prizes, which included an afternoon tea for two at Farleigh Court Golf Club, Fish and Chips meal for two at Mc Dermott's Restaurant, a Food Hamper and M & S Vouchers.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, a thanksgiving service took place, also at St John

the Divine, which was a tribute to each individual who played a part in shaping Contact's journey. A delicious tea followed thereafter. Fifty years ago, a seed was planted, an idea, a dream, a vision with passion and determination. A group of individuals embarked on a journey that would shape the next five decades. What started as a small endeavour, has blossomed into an



organisation of significance, touching countless lives along the way. Here's to the next 50 years of achievements, milestones and memories.

Contact's office can to be found on the lower ground floor in the Community Centre, below Sainsbury's and is open from 10 am until 3 pm Monday to Friday.

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On September 15<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to a talk on Beekeeping and a presentation by our Drama Group. This meeting starts at 1.30pm as usual.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> Prof. Alan Aylward will speak about The Woodland Trust. This will be followed by an opportunity to purchase items from our Handicrafts Stall.

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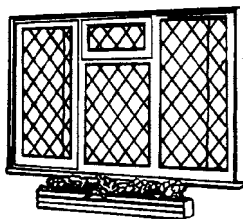
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